

Docket No 06-181

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From: Kim Montgomery [KMontgomery@rampcdl.org] **Sent:** Tue 9/19/2006 2:31 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Cc:
Subject:
Attachments:

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners,

The recent ruling, granting exemption from captioning to ANGLERS FOR CHRIST MINISTRIES, INC. and NEW BEGINNING MINISTRIES furthers discrimination experienced by persons who are deaf or have profound hearing loss.

In communication, providing captioning should be considered a cost of production as integral as the camera, the writer, the director, the venue or air time; thereby if an entity is able to secure the other components of production, they should be held to provide a method by which persons of every ability may benefit, or not produce at all.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is only as good as the enforcement our Leaders place behind it. These type of exceptions will have others knocking on the door to excuse themselves from the undue hardship of providing equal access to goods and services until the ADA is just a distant memory.

Shame on New Beginning Ministries and Anglers for Christ Ministries for asking openly to discriminate against people with disabilities, and the FCC for granting their request. Certainly, Christianity should never use undue hardship as an excuse for discrimination.

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From: debland [debland@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2006 7:55 PM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: Re: your email to the fcc

Donald Bland

----- Original Message -----

From: "Pam Gregory" <Pam.Gregory@fcc.gov>
To: <debland@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2006 9:17 AM
Subject: your email to the fcc

Hello: You wrote the FCC about closed captioning. I would like to put your comments in the record. May I please have your first and last name? Thank you

Pam.Gregory@fcc.gov

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From: debland [debland@comcast.net]
To: Monica Desai
Cc:
Subject: Captions
Attachments:

Sent: Fri 9/22/2006 11:42 PM

We need to keep closed caption for deaf and hard hearing. Especially for news and religious and political shows. This could also affect you as you grow older and possibly become hard hearing.

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From: laura ssss [musicmind75@yahoo.com] **Sent:** Thu 9/21/2006 9:05 PM
To: FCCINFO; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Cc: Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; Inc.info@tdi-online.org
Subject:
Attachments:

September 21, 2006

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
 Michael J. Copps, Commissioner
 Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
 Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner
 Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner

Dear Commissioners,

This is to let you know that I fully support the action alerts from TDI and other national organizations to oppose the decisions taken by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on September 12, 2006. We respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 12, 2006 decisions regarding television captioning waivers.

Churches make up a very important part of every community. It is within their mission to support the basic needs of all people within their reach. When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast one year ago, they were among the first to offer help with shelter, food, and other assistance to the survivors. Captioning TV programs does meet a legitimate basic need for access to information just like building a ramp to the church door. By providing captions to meet the needs of a significant population group, the churches will find themselves with an expanded TV viewership, which will lead to an increase in their membership and other support from the community. When children and adults are able to read captions on spiritual programs, they are influenced to live up to high moral standards and contribute their part to the community. Hearing loss is the number one growing disability among senior citizens & they will find themselves depending on captioning to listen to the message.

We want to participate fully in all programs and services at our local church because it serves as a vital resource that empowers us to be fully integrated in the community. If one of us who are deaf or hard of hearing sees the services with captions on TV, we can interact with other church members, neighbors, fellow employees, family members, and service professionals in the local community. We stand to benefit from the "local connection" that national religious programs are unable to provide.

We know that all video programmers have had ten years to prepare for the captioning regulations now in place, and temporary waivers when appropriate. When you give full permanent exemptions to the two

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Closed captioning gives me a) access to news that is indispensable to the community, b) entertainment that is an integral part of our lives, and c) education that paves the way for us to become self-sufficient in society. The information that everyone in the community receives is also important to me and I can only get it if it is captioned.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Laura Safranski
3102 N. 28th St.
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cc:
Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs
Bureau Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief (Policy), Consumer &
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From: Lawrence J. Brick [lbrick@ga-sk.com] **Sent:** Wed 9/20/2006 9:51 PM
To: Deborah Tate; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai; Robert McDowell
Cc: National Council of Churches
Subject: Exemptions for Close Captions
Attachments:

It is my understanding that Bush's Faith-based initiative program provides funding to faith-based organizations. Did the FCC check into whether those organizations and churches that applied for exemptions are receiving any such funds? I suggest you look deeper and, if necessary, take corrective action to avoid being accused of being in collusion with the Faith-based organizations and churches in violating the regulations of the Americans for Disabilities Act. While I question whether Bush's Faith-based initiative violates the "separation of church and state" clause in the US Constitution, I won't go into that. But at the very least, FCC should make sure that the church either honors the "separation of church and state" clause in our US Constitution and return all federal funds received or, if they are accepting Federal money, they should comply completely with the laws and regulations of this country and that includes close captioning their TV programs.

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From: MANDSMCD@aol.com [MANDSMCD@aol.com] **Sent:** Mon 9/18/2006 1:55 PM
To: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Cc:
Subject: closed caption
Attachments:

If anything is to be done it would be improvements,,,My daughter is deaf and rels on the CC she would like to continue to be a part of our world,,,,,,Thank you,Mary McDonough

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From: loukat28@verizon.net [loukat28@verizon.net]
To: Monica Desai
Cc:
Subject: Closed Caption
Attachments:

Sent: Sat 9/16/2006 1:44 PM

Hello Monica,

You, hearing people relied so much on radio and television to keep informed of what's going in the world and also hear good jokes, stories and educational stuffs. What's about us, deaf people?

We cannot hear radio at all and television(without closed caption), too, so how can we be aware of what's going around us? We, deaf people are actually loners because we know hearing people don't want to be bothered or help us at all, and there are very few ones with good hearts to help us. But we cannot depend on them.

About my life, my childhood life was very lonesome because closed caption was not invented yet. I had to use my imagination or be creative what's going on Tv programs. Now with that closed caption, it opens up my silent world and I love every moments of seeing words on television programs, worldwide news and local news.

That's what keep me educated and I also feel I'm equal to hearing people.

If you guys in government try to stop that closed caption, you will hear lots of news about deaf people not aware of what's going with the weather reports(flooding, tornado, hurricane,etc.), and what's about warning on some health watchout(mad cow, coli-food, defective medicine, etc.

Don't put us, deaf people back to silent world, please. Closed caption is like cell phones to hearing people--can't function without it. Thanks for listening to me.

Sincerely, Kathleen Campero from Pittsburgh, PA.

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From: Lisa Steinfeld [lisa@steinsquared.com] **Sent:** Mon 9/25/2006 9:43 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: Bad decision
Attachments:

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

The decision to grant a large number of captioning exemptions is a bad one. I urge you to reverse it immediately. We have made too many strides with accessibility and captioning to start a slippery slope. Think about the repercussions; we deaf and hard of hearing people have and we don't like them one bit.

Lisa Steinfeld
Pittsburgh, PA

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From: Lisa Adams [lisa@mcabusinesssupport.com]
To: Monica Desai
Cc:
Subject: captioning
Attachments:

Sent: Wed 9/20/2006 11:09 AM

I have recently heard of the proposal to offer exemption from closed captioning to television programs. How will this effect the lives of my two hard of hearing children that rely on closed captioning to have access to television programs, movies, games, news, etc.?

It has been my belief that the closed caption requirement should be extended to commercial programming and computer games, not just limited to the main program. I didn't consider it possible that it would become limited to only those programs that can afford it. Instead, we should work with the contractors in offering an affordable way to provide captioning. Does the government offer subsidy to organizations providing captioning services so that it is more affordable? Does the government limit the price that can be charged for such services by the contractors?

My boys live in a world that leaves them isolated in so many ways. Please don't take away the option of access to television programs.

I'm sure you have received many emails demanding your attention. Please take a moment to respond by simply forwarding a web link or your comments so that I can become involved, if necessary, in securing accessibility to media for my children's future.

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From: Linda Weiand [eslmom@juno.com] **Sent:** Tue 9/26/2006 3:45 PM
To: Kevin Martin
Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Monica Desai; Robert McDowell
Subject: new wording and unfair allowance for closed captioning
Attachments:

I am 98% deaf and really need closed captioning on all programs I watch on Television. I am alone inside and want to broaden my horizons. I watch a large variety of programs to improve myself.

There are times I get upset with NBC newreports because the closed captioning is not being typed and I want to know what is happening. Othertimes I am frustrated because of the terrible misspellings and I am "guessing" what is supposed to be written.

If you allow the new exceptions: so many wonderful programs will opt out as "too expensive" and it will ultimately make us be second-rate citizens again. We want assistance to be normal and function in the society of today. When it became mandatory to have closed captions on all television, it was a wonderful opening and gave me life. I depend on it and love it. I have been deaf since I was four years old and now I am 65. That is 60 plus years of feeling "left out".

Please stop your madness...Thank you...Linda Weiand

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From: Margaret L Coyne [poohmargie@hotmail.com]

Sent: Mon 9/18/2006 6:54 PM

To: Monica Desai

Cc:

Subject: closed captioned

Attachments:

HELLO THERE!!!

PLEASE KEEP THE CLOSED CAPTIONED FOR THE DEAF WORLD'S SAKE.

I CAN'T LIVE WITH IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MARGARET COYNE

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1. The FCC is undermining the ADA through its recent and excessive granting of exemption from Closed Captioning requirements.
2. The FCC Chairman is not taking calls or recommending contact except through the complaints department when Chairman Kevin Martin and his commissioners are the ones changing the law.
3. People with hearing disabilities (10% of the population by census) and their families are being put in danger by the FCC's allowing Emergency broadcasting to be provided typically without captioning or written description of the emergency, civil defense, and homeland security recommendations.


The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has made a drastic change in the implementing of ADA requirements in the last 8 months. It affects deaf, hard-of-hearing members and their families, and those who may lose some or all of their hearing in the future. Deaf and hard-of-hearing people constitute 10% of the American population according to the last census when the question was asked.

Closed Captioning is being undermined and excused from TV programming, including emergency messaging. As you know, closed captioning enables people with hearing impairments to access TV (programs, news, etc.). The effects are devastating and dangerous when information is not provided to people who cannot get it any other way. Regarding emergency messaging, FCC has determined that the number of people affected is de minimis, a small amount of no legal significance! (10% of our population - 30,000,000 people!)

So far in 2006, the FCC announced receipt of requests of about 100 TV programs to be excused from closed captioning. Between January and September 2006, the FCC has actually received about 550 requests for TV programs to be shown without closed captions. They have approved almost 300 of these requests temporarily. On September 12, 2006, the FCC announced publicly that 2 TV programs do not need to be closed captioned, forever. This is the first time since the regulations were put in place in 1998 that this permanent dispensation has been granted. 1998-2005, 67 requests were received; 3 were granted for 1-3 years maximum.

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Arizona

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 You replied on 10/23/2006 10:23 AM.**Pam Gregory**

From: RKnoll5200@aol.com [RKnoll5200@aol.com]
To: Monica Desai
Cc:
Subject: Captioning
Attachments:

Sent: Wed 9/27/2006 10:21 AM

Please keep the captioning alive and well for those that are deaf, Deaf, hard of hearing. Thank you.

There are over 28, 000, 000 of us in the US.

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~~Unknown~~
Merrilee Knoll

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 This message was sent with high importance.
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From: Samuel E. Liss [sliss@adelphia.net] **Sent:** Wed 10/11/2006 3:59 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monika Desai
Cc: 'deborah2'; 'Ed Paquin'; 'Andy Potok'; 'gregg meyer'; 'Eileen Gillies'; acvining@sas.state.vt.us; chardn@sover.net; 'Richard & Nancy Bower'; hallkjohn@yahoo.com; emagick763@aol.com; 'MARTHA ROBERTS'; dpeebles@doc.state.vt.us
Subject: CONCERN REGARDING RECENT FCC RULINGS!
Attachments:

-----Original Message-----

From: Samuel E. Liss [mailto:sliss@adelphia.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 7:12 PM
To: 'MARTHA ROBERTS'
Subject: RE: ACTION ALERT: CLOSED CAPTIONING THREATENED!
Importance: High

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Dear sirs,

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) would like to express its serious concern regarding two recent rulings (orders) by the Federal Communications Commission which seem to run counter to the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

In granting exemptions to existing closed captioning requirements, the FCC may, in effect, be weakening landmark civil rights legislation intended to promote the inclusion of all Americans, including those with disabilities, in all aspects of American society. Particularly disturbing would be a broadly applied exemption rationale.

We strongly feel that hearing impaired individuals, as well as individuals with disabilities in general, deserve and indeed own the right of access to communications intended for the general public; anything less would deprive a large sector of Americans of their right of social inclusion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

The Board of Directors
 Vermont Center for Independent Living

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From: Shultes, Linda [lshultes@umich.edu]
To: Monica Desai
Cc:
Subject: Closed Caption
Attachments:

Sent: Wed 9/20/2006 1:00 PM

Dear CGB Chief DeSai,

I would like to say closed caption is vital for me to live like others. Because I am now deaf and depend on it daily, it is one of the enjoyments in my life. I just received a captel phone and now am living again. For nearly a year I have not been able to us the phone well. I do not live on and island anymore

It seems that people relay on cell phones and computers more now days. My daughter is sending this message because I do not have a computer. Without cell phones or computers some people are left out in the cold and now close caption will be dropped in some areas. NO THANK YOU!

The hard of hearing population is growing by the minute. Closed caption enables us to watch television and "hear" what we are watching. Please consider your decision.

Donna Cook

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Lakeland, MI 48143

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From: Steven Perry [yrrepes@adelphia.net]
To: Monica Desai
Cc:
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007
Attachments:

Sent: Tue 10/17/2006 7:32 AM

October 17, 2006

FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

Steven Perry
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From: susan stanke [susstan@yahoo.com] **Sent:** Tue 9/19/2006 5:18 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: Captioning exemptions
Attachments:

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

Try this experiment block your hearing with cotton and headphone and go about your day interacting with your family and co workers watch your favorite television programs Do not take off the ear phones for one whole day then come talk to me and share your experiences.

Why are you granting so many closed captioning exemptions all of a sudden? Those of us who are hard of hearing and deaf rely on the captions to follow the dialogue of the television programs. I fight isolation as it is I do not need more of this kind of treatment. I am simply trying to be a productive member of society despite my limitations. Being a well informed person is one of my goals. I use the captioning along with the spoken dialogue to get the message. What about the deaf people or the people with cochlear implants who can not hear or can not distinguish the spoken dialogue? One sense is severely impaired almost useless and sight alone is simply not enough for them to get the full message. they need the closed captioning.

Sincerely yours,

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From: TABRattner@aol.com [TABRattner@aol.com] **Sent:** Wed 9/27/2006 8:02 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: FCC Captioning Waivers
Attachments:

I did not choose to be deaf. I was born deaf due to maternal rubella. Before closed captions became available, I'd watch TV programs and cartoons with my parents and siblings and did not understand a word. With my husband and children, I am able to enjoy TV programs with them and have intellectual conversations discussing different programs. After a busy day, I deserve to relax and understand what's being said instead of continuing to be busy by trying to read lips.

I would like to have the same rights as any other people who CAN hear and ENJOY watching TV. If you grant exemptions from captioning, you are taking away my rights. Do NOT do that!!!

Tracey, Maryland

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To: Monica Desai; Jonathan Adelstein; Michael Copps; Robert McDowell; Deborah Tate; Kevin Martin
Cc:
Subject: FCC Exemptions of Closed Captioning for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired for Religious Broadcasters
Attachments:

Dear Monica: I am distressed by the recent exemption by the Government regarding the requirements of Religious Broadcasters in providing closed captions to the deaf and hearing impaired viewers. I am opposed to this exemption. Everyone has the right to know what is going on during all TV broadcastings. Closed Captioning is relatively an easy task...one can use computer's Automated Speech Recognition system to caption all spoken words.

I am totally deaf and I depend on Closed Captions to get all info. Please reverse this exemption or waiver for the Religious Broadcasters. Thank you sincerely. Thomas Coughlin of Hayward, California

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Theodore Henry
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From: Linda M. [llypad@newnorth.net]
To: Monica Desai
Cc:
Subject: Closed Captioning
Attachments:

Sent: Thu 10/19/2006 8:50 PM

CGB Chief DeSai:

- > Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005, and CGB-CC-0007
>
> I am very hard of hearing. I've worn hearing aids for 30 years. Closed
> captioning allows me to "watch" (and "hear") tv programs like anyone
> else. I can even "watch" them with a group. Without closed captioning,
> even if the sound is turned up to a level that disturbs anyone else, I
> cannot understand the words. Closed captioning is essential to me, and
> millions of others.
>
> It is also a convenience to millions of people without hearing loss.
> Many public places, like bars and airports, now keep the sound turned
> low and use the captioning to convey the words without the loud audio
> that would be needed in these large, open, noisy places.
>
> I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions for closed captioning.
> They undermine current regulations. They create loopholes that may
> allow less closed captioning. They are a step in the wrong direction.
> We need more and better captioning.
>
> Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

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To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Cc:
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-005 and CGB-CC-007
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I strongly protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders seem to form a new regulation, with a new exemption basis, which is not in keeping with the current regulations. I believe that the FCC is creating a loophole so that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" will be able to use. With the aging of the baby boomer generation, there will be more and more people who will need closed captioning. Your immediate reconsideration of these Orders would be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Julie Friedman

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From: Daniel Bondy [bondy1729@hotmail.com]**Sent:** Fri 10/20/2006 5:19 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Cc:****Subject:** DA 06-1802-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007**Attachments:**

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Dear Sirs,

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

I am writing this note for my 86 year old deaf mother to protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued

by the CGB. These orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current

regulations. My mother and I disapprove and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "It costs too

much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need closed captioning! My mother is already very isolated from the world and

this just adds to her isolation.

Daniel Bondy
for
Esther F. Bondy

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From: Crystal Hagen [crystalmillet@yahoo.com]
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Attachments:

Sent: Fri 10/20/2006 11:52 AM

October 20, 2006
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

Crystal Hagen
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